

Perpetuating the Buffalo.

The birth of 10 calves in the buffalo herd maintained by the government on the Wichita national forest and game refuge, near Lawton, Oklahoma, has been reported by the game warden in charge. The herd now contains a total of 48 head of full blooded buffalo, or, more properly, bison, of which 27 are males and 21 females. All of the animals are in splendid condition.

In 1907 the American bison society donated to the federal government a nucleus herd of 15 animals which had been bred and reared in the New York zoological park. The animals were transported to the Wichita national forest which is also a game refuge and placed under the care of the Forest Service. They readily adapted themselves to their new habitat, but the area upon which they were placed was within the zone affected by the Texas fever tick and during the two or three years following their transfer only the constant care and watchfulness of the forest officers prevented the complete loss of the herd.

The animals were examined almost daily to determine whether they had become infested with Texas fever ticks and were placed in specially designed cages and sprayed with crude oil at intervals of from 15 to 30 days, but notwithstanding the extreme precautions which were adopted 3 of the animals died. Gradually, however, the enclosures in which the buffalo were confined were freed from fever ticks and there is a possibility that as the buffalo adapted themselves to their new environment they became more or less immune to the disease. No losses from Texas fever have occurred for several years, and the herd has almost quadrupled in number since it was established.

The fact that the herd has not increased more rapidly is due largely to the preponderance of male calves. This characteristic of the buffalo is so pronounced in all of the herds now in captivity that a cow is considered twice as valuable as a bull.

Good Reason for His Enthusiasm.

When a man has suffered for several days with colic, diarrhoea or other form of bowel complaint, and is then cured sound and well by one or two doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, as is often the case, it is but natural that he should be enthusiastic in his praise of the remedy, and especially is this the case of a severe attack when life is threatened. Try it when in need of such a remedy. It never fails. Sold by all dealers.

Active Service.

A rather remarkable instance of a woman's long, unbroken record comes from France, where Mme. Lafont, the oldest woman postal official, has just retired after 49 years of service without once having been absent from her post, except during the recognized holidays. Entering the postal service in 1863 at the age of sixteen, she attained her sixty-fifth year last month, when, very much against her will, she was placed on the superannuation list and forced to retire from active service.

May End Letter Writing.

A French invention is said to have perfected a device that threatens to do away with necessity for writing letters. One talks into a machine, which makes a cloth record that can be transmitted to the person with whom it is desired to communicate, and all he has to do is to set his phonograph going and listen. Hereafter, young ladies in the business of stenography and typewriting who receive offers of marriage from eligible young men may feel it the part of prudence to accept.

One Cause of Family Trouble.

Good Dr. Josiah Oldfield has discovered that "although marriages are made in heaven, they are too often marred at the breakfast table." But we find that they are still often marred at the dinner table. This is because of small platters. Statistics teach us that 9.4 husbands out of every ten carve on platters so ruinous to tablecloths, shirt fronts, collars, wall paper, ceilings and the moral nature of man, woman and child that the only logical consequence is dispute.

Hospital Has Unknown Benefactor.

A gift of \$10,000 from unknown sources was made to one of the great London hospitals a few days ago. The hospital received an anonymous brown-paper parcel, heavily sealed, and giving forth a curious rustling sound when handled. When it was opened it poured a flood of crisp Bank of England notes. The notes, when counted, totaled the handsome sum of £10,000.

Insidious Mumor.

A budding author who was making excursions into humor sent a paragraph to the editor of a daily paper. Not finding it printed within a reasonable time or hearing from the editorial department he wrote about its welfare: "I sent you a joke about ten days ago. I have heard nothing respecting its safe receipt, and should be glad to hear whether you have seen it." The editor's reply was as follows: "Your joke arrived safely, but up to the present we have not seen it."

Return of the Shawl.

Shawls have reappeared in fashionable quarters, and the comfortable wrap worn by our grandmothers is likely to be returned to favor; but they are not worn in the fashion of former days. As a matter of fact, they take the place of long scarfs and are worn with evening gowns whenever there is the slightest reason for supposing that a draught may chill the shoulders. Miladi does not propose to acquire a cold in the head if she can possibly avoid it. Therefore the psychological hour for getting out grandmother's cherished store of shawls and making use of them has arrived. Had grandmother a Paisley shawl? Then promptly cut it in two—diagonally across—and edge one of its halves with dull hued chambrasse ruching. If the dear old lady owned a shawl of white Canton crepe, wondrously embroidered by hand, it deserves an edging of blue lace—her own duchesse or point if she left any behind her. Lacking the ancestral square to be halved and ruched, have a shawl-scarf of chiffon braided with huge flowers in raised velvet, outlined with gold. Then line the small wrap with gold tissue and edge it on all side with white feathers or marabou or fur, and you'll have something that a queen might be proud to own.

Gold net, damped with colored floss after the manner of Italian fillet, and lined with two layers of chiffon, makes a stunning shawl-scarf.

Church 900 Years Old.

The nine-hundredth anniversary of the oak-walled parish church of Greenstead, near Ongar, Essex, England, has just been celebrated. The church, which is built of split oak trees, is the only one of its kind in the country, and bids fair to last another 900 years.

Trustee's Sale.

Whereas William Papin and Edna Papin, his wife, to their certain deed of trust dated the sixth day of March, nineteen hundred and eleven, and recorded in the Recorder's office of St. Francois county, Missouri, in book 10, page 200, conveyed to the undersigned trustee the following described real estate and all improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the town of Leadville, county of St. Francois and State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of a certain lot, block and interest in and to lot number nine, in block 55, in the town of Leadville, county of St. Francois and State of Missouri, and

Trustee's Sale.

Whereas E. A. Jones and Olin Jones, his wife, by their certain deed of trust, dated the 12th day of February, 1909, and recorded in the Recorder's office of St. Francois county, Missouri, in book 54 at page 200, conveyed to the undersigned trustee of St. Francois county, Missouri, the following described real estate, situate, lying and being in the county of St. Francois and State of Missouri, to-wit:

The surface rights only in and to all the northwest quarter of lot two (2), in the northeast quarter of section six, containing 1.5 acres, and the east half of lot two (2) of the northeast quarter of section six, all in township 37 north, range 34 east, and containing in the aggregate 30.34 acres, less 4.25 acres, hereunto sold to Valentine Forester, the amount conveyed being 26.09 acres, more or less.

Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note in said deed of trust described, and whereas the terms of said deed of trust said note is past due and remains unpaid, now therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note, and in conformity with the provisions of said deed of trust, I, the undersigned Acting Sheriff of St. Francois county, Missouri, as trustee, will on

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1912, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the south front door of the court house, in the city of Farmington, in said St. Francois county, Missouri, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash the foregoing described real estate to satisfy said note and the costs of executing this trust.

J. C. WILLIAMS, Acting Sheriff of St. Francois county, Mo., July 10, 1912.

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EXPOSES "FOOLS' GOLD."

The State Geologist in the following article explains the frequent mistakes in Missouri minerals, and tells how samples sent to the Geological Bureau at Rolla, Mo., will be examined free and their probable value determined:

"Fortunes have been wasted, says the State Geologist, in futile attempts to mine 'Fools' Gold,' and thousands of dollars are spent annually in an endeavor to develop properties upon which rocks or minerals occur having the appearance of valuable metals or having been reported as valuable by unscrupulous promoters and assayers.

"Missouri has a variety of such minerals and rocks," according to State Geologist H. A. Beiler, "and take promotions have been made in this State on the similarity of appearance.

"One of the most stupendous frauds perpetrated in Missouri was the great tin mine promotion in the granite region of southeast Missouri many years ago. One of the dark-hued igneous rocks which resembled tin ore was passed off as valuable to unsuspecting citizens, and fortunes were squandered in stock before the fake was discovered.

"Hundreds of specimens, received from citizens throughout the State, are examined yearly by the State geologist free of cost. Many of these prove valuable and indicate deposits of commercial size, while others are samples which only have the color or appearance of important materials and look like copper, gold, silver or iron.

"The yellow color of pyrites of iron, commonly known as 'Fools' gold,' has caused the waste of thousands of dollars on useless prospecting. Yellow stain on rocks is frequently taken for gold, and small specks of yellow mica in sandstones and decomposed granites have caused much excitement in many parts of the State.

"The white micaceous, a sulphide of iron, has a metallic color much like native silver. It is often confused with this metal, but can easily be told by the fact that it will break to a powder when struck with a hammer, while silver is malleable and will flatten into a sheet. The silver produced in Missouri is contained in small quantities in the lead ores, and its presence can only be determined by an assay.

"Oxidized ores of copper are found in the southern part of the State, and the green color of this mineral is striking, yet many of the green silicate minerals are often taken for copper ore. The copper ore will dissolve in acid and will deposit copper on a nail placed in the solution. The silicate minerals will not respond to this test.

"Chert and limestone are frequently mistaken for other more or less valuable minerals. The white chert is often taken for 'fill,' or 'heavy spar' as barite is ordinarily called. This mineral is white and similar to pure chert, but is much heavier. Both limestone and chert are sometimes mistaken for the white carbonate of zinc and lead sulphate or 'dry bone.'

"Many oil excitements are the result of finding a small seam on the surface of stagnant pools having every appearance of kerosene. The seam is the result of iron in the water and is in no way connected with oil or gas pools. If collected in a glass or bottle, this material soon sinks to the bottom as a brownish-red precipitate, while crude oil will continue to float. This similarity to an oil seam is often used by the promoter to show the presence of oil.

"The State Geological Survey at Rolla is maintained for the purpose of giving the citizens of the State accurate information regarding our mineral resources. Samples sent this Bureau will be examined and their probable value determined free of cost."

Recipe for Prune Cake.

I saw Mrs. H. G. B.'s request for prune cake, which was printed in the Corner some time ago. I will write it out in full for her, as I have made the cake and consider it fine: One cup of sugar, 1/2 cup of butter, 3 eggs, 3 tablespoons of sour cream, 1 level teaspoon of soda in cream, 2 cups of flour, sifted 3 times before measuring it; 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1 teaspoon allspice, 1 cup of cooked and chopped prunes. Filling: Spread between the layers (3 are best) and on top of cake, which is then covered with ground almonds spread lightly, 2 eggs, 1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup of sour cream, 1 cup of chopped prunes (cooked), butter the size of an egg. Cooked until thick in a double boiler. Flavor with vanilla. Put cake in box cake and filling. I find 1 teaspoon of cinnamon, leaving out allspice, makes plenty of seasoning to suit us. Also English walnuts instead of almonds.

Fear Trouble After Spilling Salt.

In many of the rural districts of Russia people when they spill salt not only toss a pinch over the left shoulder, but also crawl under the table and come out the other side, in order to avert ill-luck; while in New England, to break the evil spell of spilling salt, every particle is supposed to be collected and thrown on the stove to be consumed.

History of the Lemon.

The lemon has a clear history. Unknown to the Greeks and Romans, it was introduced into Spain by the Arabs in the twelfth century, and in 1494 was being cultivated in the Azores and shipped in large quantities to northern Europe.

Little Hint.

A little girl came down to dessert at a dinner party and sat next to her mother. This lady was occupied in talking to her neighbors and omitted to give the child anything. After some time the little girl, unable to bear it any longer, with sobs rising in her throat, held up her plate and said: "Does anybody want a clean plate?"

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TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

Electric R. R. Time Table.

Between Farmington and Flat River.

LV.	ARR.	LV.	ARR.
Farmington	Flat River	Farmington	Flat River
5:55 a. m.	6:31 a. m.	5:55 a. m.	6:31 a. m.
6:24 a. m.	7:00 a. m.	6:24 a. m.	7:00 a. m.
7:25 a. m.	8:01 a. m.	7:25 a. m.	8:01 a. m.
8:59 a. m.	9:28 a. m.	8:59 a. m.	9:28 a. m.
10:24 a. m.	11:00 a. m.	10:24 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
12:50 p. m.	1:26 p. m.	12:50 p. m.	1:26 p. m.
2:14 p. m.	2:50 p. m.	2:14 p. m.	2:50 p. m.
4:54 p. m.	5:30 p. m.	4:54 p. m.	5:30 p. m.
5:17 p. m.	5:54 p. m.	5:17 p. m.	5:54 p. m.

Between Farmington and DeLassus.

LV.	ARR.	LV.	ARR.
Farmington	DeLassus	Farmington	DeLassus
11:56 a. m.	12:09 p. m.	11:56 a. m.	12:09 p. m.
1:37 p. m.	1:49 p. m.	1:37 p. m.	1:49 p. m.
2:15 p. m.	2:27 p. m.	2:15 p. m.	2:27 p. m.

How to Get to and from Farmington.

From the North via St. Louis.
To reach Farmington you can use either one of the following routes:

M. R. & B. T. Ry.—Leave St. Louis at 7:30 a. m. and 4:05 p. m., arriving at Farmington over electric railway from Flat River at 11:56 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.

Frisco and Illinois Southern—Leave St. Louis at 8:05 a. m., arriving at Farmington over electric railway from Esther at 2:11 p. m.

Iron Mountain—Leave St. Louis at 7:50 or 9:05 a. m., arriving at Farmington over electric railway from DeLassus at 12:05 p. m.

From the South.

Iron Mountain via Bismarck and DeLassus—Arrive at Farmington over electric railway at 12:05 p. m.

Iron Mountain and Illinois Southern via Bismarck—Arrive at Farmington over electric railway from Esther at 4:31 p. m.

Belmont Branch of Iron Mountain—Arrive at Farmington over electric railway from DeLassus at 2:27 p. m.

Frisco and Illinois Southern via Ste. Genevieve—Arrive at Farmington over electric railway from Esther at 2:11 p. m.

To Reach St. Louis.

You can go over either of the roads at the following hours:

M. R. & B. T. Ry.—Leave Farmington over electric railway to Flat River at 6:24 a. m. and 2:14 p. m., arriving in St. Louis at 9:05 a. m. and 5:27 p. m.

Iron Mountain—Leave Farmington over electric railway to DeLassus at 1:27 p. m., arriving in St. Louis at 6:37 p. m.

Illinois Southern and Frisco—Leave Farmington over electric railway to Esther at 2:14 p. m., arriving in St. Louis at 8:25 p. m.